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KARVAL BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW ADDITION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING

Breaking News....well ground breaking at least. It's been a long time coming, many years of planning and fundraising came to fruition as the excavation begins for the addition to the Karval Community Building!!

The addition will be used for many purposes. The primary role is temperature controlled storage

for the Food Commodity Program for the Karval community members thanks to the many volunteers that show up monthly.

Many organizations and clubs use the building for meetings and events, as well as receptions, baby and wedding showers.

The extra space and ADA compliant restrooms will be a game

changer for the community.

The spaciousness of the new addition will be the forefront of hosting many new programs, resources and discoveries for the small community.

The Martell Brothers, M7 Construction, LLC. out of Limon is doing the excavation. The general contractor is Bear Roots

Builders of Colorado Inc., out of Karval.

The Karval Community Club, Karval Community Alliance and the Karval Food Pantry would like to thank all of the local donors as well as Eastern Colorado Bank and Mountain View Electric's Round Up Grant for contributing and being a part of the

project.

There are several more phases to go from here as more grants and fundraising will be sought out.

For now, we will celebrate each victory, big and small.

All photos by Shayla McCullough



EARLY MORNING BRAKE FIRE

On February 5 at 6:30 a.m. Limon Fire responded to I-70 mile marker 361 exit for a semi with brakes on fire. The fire was contained to the rear trailer brakes and did extend into the trailer but did not reach the freight. Limon Fire was able to put the fire out with minimal damage.



LOCAL LEOs TO BE RECOGNIZED

By Lindsay Frasier

The Limon Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting, Thursday February 1. Trustees in attendance were Wendy Pottorff, Sara Lancaster, Josh Niebur, Avril Beattie, Benjamin Ferree, and Jon Chittenden. Mayor Bo Randolph called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Limon Town Hall and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Yowell expressed his appreciation and excitement for two officers, Sergeant Lingle and Officer Herrera, regarding their efforts to save a life when responding to a call. These two will be recognized and receive an award at the March meeting.

Yowell is excited to welcome the new law firm and the attorneys who will be serving the court processes for Limon. He explained the process is being streamlined and all ran very smoothly the first time out.

Chief Yowell also noted that a new officer has been hired and one

more opening remains.

Troy McCue, reported on behalf of the Lincoln County Economic Development Council. He updated the board on new business interests in the restaurant and fueling station industries.

The Grow With Google class series is continuing in February and will extend through May.

Downtown Limon has submitted a Community Preservation Grant application for some area businesses.

Several businesses requested liquor license renewals. Chief Yowell noted he had no concerns or reports for any of the renewals. Renewals for Mini-Mart, Inc. dba Loaf and Jug, Jenny's Liquor, and Gottschalk Oil, Inc dba Cenex all passed unanimously with no discussion or debate. Windmill Liquor had one violation with a failed compliance check. It was noted the violation had been corrected, and there were no other

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COMMISSIONERS MET JAN. 30 AND FEB. 6

By Stephanie Zwick

The commissioners started their meeting on Wednesday, January 30 by discussing FEMA funding questions.

The commissioners, along with the Emergency Management Director for Lincoln County, Ken Stroud, and the district road and bridge foremen were on a conference call with members of the FEMA team.

They went over how the commissioners, along with Stroud, are to submit the work that they are doing on projects, along with the breakout cost for the mitigation work. It boils down to more paperwork for the commissioners along with their road and bridge foremen for their districts and Stroud.

Before Stroud left, the commissioners approved the letter of intent to participate in the North-eastern Colorado Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan and the funding match for the Northeastern Colorado Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan. This agreement is signed every 4 years or so with other counties in case of a major disaster.

The commissioners briefly talked with John Mohan, the Court-house Maintenance Director, about the roofing above the sheriff's department. He presented a quote for a portion of it to be replaced. The commissioner stated that they had budgeted for it last year, so it was approved.

Kevin Stansbury, the Lincoln County Hospital CEO, made a brief monthly report to the commissioners as he prepares to go to DC next month. Stansbury stated that they held a meeting with the chief of staff for Congressman Buck.

Andrew Lorensen, Human Services Director, gave his monthly statement as not much had changed but he did need a couple of contracts approved and signed by the commissioners.

The commissioners rounded out their meeting by giving their reports.

Commissioner Wayne Ewing stated he attended meetings for the Town of Genoa, the Hospital Board, and CCI. His district road crew was also hauling and graveling some roads that needed it.

Commissioner Doug Stone stated his district road crew was still working on some FEMA spots. Stone had also checked some roads; they were still working on some equipment repairs.

Commissioner Steve Burgess reported his crew was still working on equipment repairs also. He had several employees out sick. He had been informed that the old Denny's restaurant had been sold but it was discovered that all the copper pipes had been removed and that will be costly to the new owners.

During their meeting on February 6, the commissioners were able to work through the public hearing and act upon the pro-

posed Resolution #1113 which established a minimum height for transmission lines that cross-over the county right of ways.

During the public hearing, members from the power companies were present and asked that the wording be changed from transmission lines to distribution lines. They agreed that any new lines would be put in at 21 feet. However, the existing lines would stay at their current height until more than five poles needed to be changed. The reason for this is, it would put more pressure on the insulators that hold the current distribution lines in place causing them to break. The commissioners created this resolution ordinance due to the increasing concern by local farmers as their equipment get bigger that they would not be able to safely pass underneath the distribution lines on or around their properties.

The commissioners also were able to approve the proposed Resolution #1114 for an exemption from the Lincoln County subdivision regulations for Imogene White. All her documentation and the new legal description of the property was presented for the commissioners to proceed.

There were two other subdivision exemptions for the commissioners to consider. However, the commissioners were unable

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NEWS BRIEFS

HUGO TRASH SCHEDULE
All Town of Hugo Residents Beginning March 1st, 2024, kindly place your trash for pickup by Monday morning each week. Our crews have optimized operations, allowing for the majority of trash collection in one day. On heavy weeks, any remaining pickup will be completed early Tuesday morning. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring all trash is out by Monday morning.

BINGO
Every other Saturday at the Limon Hub City Senior Center at 2:00 p.m. Next one is Saturday February 24.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
We know that there are times when a person or family is in need of some assistance. The Limon Methodist Church has a food pantry available to help. The address is 770 B Ave. We are open the following hours: Tues-

day 10 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday 4-5:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING IN LIMON
Limon American Legion Post #2017 is now meeting at the Hub City Senior Center in Limon. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month. Meeting times are: 5pm Meet & Greet, 6pm Legion Family Meeting, 7pm Legion Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm SAL & Riders Meeting. Please try to attend. New members are welcome!

NOTICE: NEWS BRIEFS ARE A LISTING OF FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ECT. IF A FEE IS BEING CHARGED OR ITEMS ARE BEING SOLD AN ADVERTISEMENT MUST ALSO BE PLACED. PLEASE SEND ANY COMMUNITY EVENTS TO PUBLISHER@THELIMONLEADER.COM

YESTERYEAR

By Joan Doll

60 Years Ago..Feb. 6, 1964
February 1 marked the 30 year anniversary of James Simmons as sales representative for Continental Oil Company. Simmons has served the Hugo area for the entire 30 years. Upon completing high school in 1931, Simmons purchased the Hugo Service Station business from Jack Iseman Sr. The business is still known as The Hugo Service Station.

The Lincoln County Cowbells presented the Lincoln Community Hospital with a quarter of beef. The beef was presented to Mrs. Faye Boetger, representing the hospital, by Mrs. William Bledsoe representing the Cowbells.

A grand opening is to be held for the Hugo Laundromat soon. The business was recently acquired by Jim and Edna Riordan. The laundry facilities include 16 9-lb washers and 5-fifty pound driers and a 15 pound extractor.

County Superintendent of schools, Mrs. Wayne Summers went to Denver Sunday where she attended a convention at the Brown Palace Hotel. This convention was held Monday and Tuesday for the county superintendents.

50 Years Ago..Feb. 7, 1974
Approximately 200 bags, boxes and assorted loose articles ranging from hedge clippers to vacuum cleaners were collected from Hugo residents by boy scouts under the supervision of Scoutmaster Brent Williams. All the items collected by the Scouts are to be sent to the Goodwill for distribution.

Members of the Karval girls basketball team defeated Kit Carson by 1 point to win third place at the High Plains League girls tourney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riley and children, Maxine Alley and children and Bob Woods were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oster.

Kent Webb of Lawrence, Kansas arrived via bus on Sunday

morning. He left early Monday morning to attend to business affairs in Denver and Colorado Springs. He was a breakfast guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Verna Bowhan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. LaBorde and Mr. and Mrs. Larry LaBorde and daughter and Mrs. Iola Turner were in Colorado Spring Sunday to help Mr. and Mrs. Gillard Bennell celebrate their 40th anniversary. Mrs. Benell is a former country schoolmate of Mrs. L. C. LaBorde.

40 Years Ago..Feb. 9, 1984
Charles James Smith, accused in connection with a knife point robbery at the Arriba Super Service Station, has entered a plea of guilty to the charge of aggravated robbery. Since Smth is also wanted in Georgia, Judge Schmidt ordered him to serve his Colorado sentence concurrently. Another man, Donald Eddie Poole, is being held in jail and charged in the same incident. The service station attendant was James Lukow of Arriba.

Hugo Mayor Kenneth Sterling cast the third tie breaking vote of his career which in effect denied future mayors the right to vote on issues coming before the board of trustees.

Margaret Beth Antonopulos, granddaughter of Opal Antonopulow of Hugo has been nominated to the U. S. Air Force Academy for the school year beginning June, 1984 according to an announcement received from Senator Bill Armstrong. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Antonopulos of Fort Collins, Colo.

30 Years Ago..Feb. 10, 1994
Amanda Hockett, Genoa-Hugo third grader was just one of the students that sold the most magazines. She received over 500 credits during the 3-year program to help her school buy four Macintosh II computers. There are still credits left for programs, etc.. The contest was called "Computers for Education", where students take magazine

orders from family and friends.

This past weekend the Lady Pirates played a couple of away games. They traveled first to Flagler. The final score was 15-41. They went to Karval next and won that game 41-32.

Dennis Nall of Houston, Texas, Shirley Study of Gillette, Wyoming, Nancy Franek of Simla, Jim Nall and others of the family visited their mother, Anna Lea Nall over the weekend. Cyrene Nall from Greeley also visited.

Stacie Ravenkamp celebrated her 7th birthday Jan. 30 with Lisa Markle, Brian Nestor, Dane Wimmer and Becky Ravenkamp

as guests.

20 Years Ago..Feb. 5, 2004
It's the second time in nine years that a vehicle crashed into the Loaf and Jug in Hugo. Lester Coble fled the scene but was eventually stopped after running through pastures and tearing out three fences. Sheriff Yowell charged him with second degree trespassing (for his trek across pasture land), vehicle eluding and driving under the influence.

Two flutes and a clarinet were presented to Holly Dicker, Genoa-Hugo music teacher. Linda Ashmore purchased the instruments with the money she was

paid for helping clean up after the vandalism in the Genoa-Hugo school in June.

Dave and Nadyne Poss went to Akron Saturday to enjoy a dinner and the afternoon of games and fun with David and Anita Poss, Daren, Derrick and Nadalyn.

Art and Jackie Thelen enjoyed having Keith and Julie Thelen and John and Judy Thelen to play cards over the weekend, and watching the Superbowl. Eric Stum, Lisa Markle, Eric Thelen, and Brad, Marge Thruston and Dean Allen were among about 20 guests.

LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By Troy McCue

Many of you are likely aware that I am a regular volunteer at the Lincoln Theatre. I grew up attending the Lincoln Theatre as my folks were quite the movie buffs. They loved to attend regularly, and my most vivid memories were attending while Wanna McCarthy managed the venue. Through high school, my attendance was a bit less frequent, likely due to all the other activities in my life, and the advent of improving television at home. When Larry and Marlene Steele volunteered to donate the theater to our local foundation, Your Community Foundation at the close of 2012, I seemed to be a shoe-in to join the group. I had that desire to return to my memories of the historic theater and began serving. In less than nine months, our group raised the necessary \$54 thousand to convert to digital projection, and the outpouring of the community was great to help achieve this goal. Since that accomplishment, the theater has enjoyed many great donations over the years, from in-kind, to cash, to countless volunteer hours, and all those items that make Lincoln Theatre a continued asset to Lincoln County and surrounding areas. COVID created special challenges that resulted in a few times when the theater had to close for two to three weeks at a time.

Additional challenges with equipment repair have also created unexpected closures, the most recent being the cold snap we experienced in mid-January. To coincide with this weather event, one of the two furnaces at the theater lost its heat exchanger and the facility was simply too cold to show the movie, so yet another weekend was scratched. Our friends at Plains Heating and Air in Limon worked on our failed system, and decided it would be best for new furnaces. Leon Kelly, owner of Plains Heating and Air, generously donated two new Lennox furnaces and installed them the following week! Today, the theater enjoys warmth and a return to normal, scheduled features. Events like these truly inspire what true community is all about. The generosity of the local community and companies like Plains Heating and Air keep the spirit of our community alive and well. You may have seen some of the recent coverage on print and social media for this donation, but it certainly is worth yet another shout-out to the Kelly's and crew at Plains Heating and Air! Your Community Foundation is in your debt and will continue to try and do our part to continue delivering features and hosting events in our small, historic community theater. THANK YOU!

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REMEMBER WHEN

By Joan Doll

60 Years Ago..Feb. 6, 1964
Announcement is being made this week of an egg wholesale store in Limon. The egg dealership is being operated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Christian. They have more than 3,600 caged laying hens. They have been supplying stores in Flagler and Arriba for several years.

A rest home will be built in Limon in the near future if a guarantee of 30 to 40 patients can be made.

Arthur Fredrick Lundy, 58, a one time Shamrock Cafe dishwasher is in jail in Hugo awaiting trial on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and assault to commit murder, following the shooting of a fellow roomer. Charles E. Lawrence, 53, suffered bullet wounds in the left arm and left shoulder. The shooting was not reported until the following morning. The shooting took place at the Bell Hotel in Limon.

Chuck Garrity, sports editor of the Denver Post, presented Coach Lloyd Gaskill of Limon with the Denver Post Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement.

50 Years Ago..Feb. 7, 1974
Limon Bakery owners, James Riddle and his wife Vivian and children were working at the bakery when one of the children saw smoke coming from the basement. The Limon Fire Department was called and they put out the fire that originated from the area of the water heater. Later that night it started burning again, but by the time it was noticed and the fire department was called the whole interior of the building was consumed before the blaze could be quenched.

The Limon Cleaners, formerly owned by Martha and Ellmer Wilcox has been sold to Anita and Jerry Allen. It has now reopened, having been closed after the death of Mr. Wilcox. Wilcox had owned and operated the cleaners for 27 years.

Sherman Metcalf of Fruita, Col-

orado had the distinction of being listed in the 1973 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America". The book publication highlights the achievements of young men who are shaping the future of our nation. Sherman is a Limon graduate.

Eight Badger wrestlers are going to state. They are Kelly Walker, Rob Statton, Calvin Josseland, David Tarver, Brian Beattie, Chuck Kinkel, Tim Dollard and Brad Sallee.

40 Years Ago..Feb. 9, 1984
Thomas Lewis, manager of the Limon Radar station presented a special service award to Claude Winkleman and his daughter Joyce Johnson. The award came as the result of the two helping 12 stranded travelers and two National Weather Service employees who were trapped at the weather station during the Thanksgiving Blizzard of 1983.

John Olesen announced that he and his wife Debra have finalized plans to open Olesens Quality Home Furnishings. They will be offering quality furniture for every room in the house with the ease of shopping at home.

Rip Griffin's Truck Service Center "Employee of the Year" is Phyllis Smith of Limon. Phyllis has been employed as the restaurant bookkeeper since 1981.

Don Morrison, owner of D.J. Petroleum, Inc. of Limon has been elected vice president of the Colorado Petroleum Marketers Association. He will fill that position of the Association for the 1984 term. The Colorado Petroleum Marketers Assn. represents the approximately 160 small independent distributors of refined petroleum products and +1500 service stations and convenience stores they serve in Colorado.

30 Years Ago..Feb. 10, 1994
Limon elementary students recently participated in the National PTSA reflections contest. District winners are Mari Ewing, Ryan

Boyd, Shyloh Gotzcke, Kali Ewing, Phil Holmstedt, Tristin Stone and Beth Ferree.

A group of neighbors have been concerned with the lack of fire protection in the 900 square mile area now known as the Southwest Washington County Fire District. A group of about 20 longtime residents have been working through the Government red tape to get the fire district proposal before the County Commissioners.

A full house was in attendance as the Capital Development Committee held a public meeting concerning the location of a National Guard Training Facility south of Limon, for a 70,000 acre maneuver site.

The Badger matmen showed their stamina at the tough 11 team Tom McCombe Invitational Tournament in Ellicott. The team placed 4th in this year's competition. The Badgers brought home

3 first place medals. Matt Davis, Doug Winterburg and Mark Bain.

20 Years Ago.. Feb. 5, 2004
Ray and Debbie Thieman, owners of Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch, received the gold trophy for their first place buffalo carcass in the market class at the National Bison Association Gold Trophy Show and Sale.

Larry and Jacki Higgins and Vicke Anderson, owners of Heart Rock Bison received the Silver Trophy for their second place carcass. Heart Rock Bison also received first place for their processed Buffalo Jerky.

The equipment used by criminals to make the highly addictive drug called methamphetamine or meth is composed of many items that are easy to get a hold of. Simple items are used in the process. Be alert to what's around you. Waste left over after the drug is "cooked" is all toxic and some

KARVAL NEWS

By Shirley Chesterman

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

8 – Community dance at gym – see below
9 Genoa-Hugo/Karval basketball game, 4:00 pm at DeerTrail
10 Genoa-Hugo/Karval basketball game, 2:00 pm at Kit Carson.
12 – Friendship Circle
13 – Alliance meeting
14 – Willing Workers at community building
15 - Food pantry
Community meal at community building, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, donations accepted
15 - Genoa-Hugo/Karval basketball game, 4:00 pm at Eads.
17 - Genoa-Hugo/Karval basketball game, 1:00 pm at Otis
22 – Senior box pickup

We would like to extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Helen Messersmith who passed away this past week. Helen is remembered as a cook at the school many years ago.

Community dance at the gym on 8th. Doors open at 7:00, dance

7:30 - 9:30, cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Desserts and water provided. This is sponsored by the Sophomore Class

Randal and Delia Jewell were in Colorado Springs this past Monday and had dinner with family members.

Saturday Sandy Taylor went to Yuma to see her sister, Chris, who had had hip surgery. Later Sandy met up with more family members to go through pictures and papers from their aunt's estate.

Jason, Tawnia and Jaden Lockard visited Frances Maskus on Saturday.

Heather Hodgson and Shirley Chesterman made a trip to Hugo this past week for some business.

Carl and Cherry Stogsdill were Colorado Springs visitors Wednesday and took Charlene Taylor out for breakfast. They accompanied Barry and Vicky Seymour on Friday to Rocky Ford to pickup their car, the Seymours continued on to LaJunta for appointments. Barney

Burch visited Carl on Saturday afternoon.

Wayne and Billie Williams were visitors of Alice Williams on Sunday morning.

French Fry

Did you know that the first French Fry wasn't cooked in France? No then where was it cooked? In (grease) Greece!!!!!!

Little Johnny

Little Johnny is always being teased by the other neighborhood boys for being stupid. Their favorite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a nickel and a dime. Little Johnny always takes the nickel. One day, after Johnny took another nickel, a neighbor takes Johnny aside and asks him, "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel, even though the nickel is a bigger size?" Johnny grins and says, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I've made \$20."

LINCOLN THEATRE

Mean Girls PG-13

Saturday Feb. 10 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 11 6:00 p.m.



Madame Web PG-13

Saturday Feb. 17 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 18 6:00 p.m.



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BINGO!

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February 11, 2024

from 1-3

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EASTERN PLAINS ANIMAL WELFARE ALLIANCE

received \$550 from ECB Grant

Eastern Colorado Bank has donated \$550.00 from the Giving Back - Looking Forward grant to Eastern Plains Animal Welfare Alliance (EPAWA). These funds will help pay for 10 spay/neuter surgeries in the town of Cheyenne Wells. These cats will be trapped, altered & returned to where they were trapped.

EPAWA encourages responsible pet ownership through humane education and to lessen the effects of over population. They also provide programs and services which enhance the bond between animals and people while advocating for animals and their welfare.






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Pictured Left to Right - Casey McDaniel, Leigh Mitchell, Terrill Bartels, Megin Jenkins, Danile Baker, Cindy Stewart, Tracy Peterson, Deb Dalke, Angie Weed and Greg Weed.

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Heartland 4H Club members at the National Western Stockshow

Heartland 4h club met January 14th at the Arriba Congregational Church. Twelve members were present.

It was decided to sell Butter Braids once again this year. If you would like to buy any Butter Braids, reach out to any of the

Heartland members the month of February.

The enrollment deadline for Lincoln County 4h was February 1st. The add/drop deadline for projects is March 1st.


Each member must present a demonstration to the club on one

of their projects each year. Jaylie Stone and KaCee Jo Saffer had a workshop on Demonstration Do's and Don'ts.

Meeting was adjourned and snacks were enjoyed by all.

Heartland Reporter- Emmaray Smith.

Come have some fun with the Limon Seniors and Staff Monday Night at Limon High School



MAKE-A-WISH BASKETBALL COMPETITION

STAFF VERSUS SENIORS

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 @ 7:00

20 minute running clock girls' game
20 minute running clock boys' game

\$5 TO PLAY
\$3 TO WATCH

\$2 to play knockout during halftime

Funds will be donated to help grant a kids wish!
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MONDAY FEBRUARY 12TH 2024

GENOA-HUGO SCHOOL

DINNER- 5:30
AUCTION- 6:30

MENU: ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS, CHICKEN STRIPS, BAKED BEANS, PASTA SALAD, CHIPS, AND DESSERT

Adults: \$10, Kids(5 and older): \$5
\$50 cap on families of 5 or more

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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Lordy Lordy! Look who's turning 40!

Tiffany Stewart's Birthday

February 9, 2024

Come by the VFW in Hugo after 5:30 to wish her a HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



Love you--Mom and Dad

ENTER TO WIN A TRIP FOR TWO TO THE 2024 MOUNTAIN PLOVER FESTIVAL IN KARVAL, COLORADO



Festival will take place April 26, April 27 and April 28, 2024 Karval, CO (February 2, 2024)—Mountain Plover Festival organizers announced today that the 16th annual festival will be held April 26-28, 2024 and the Karval Community Alliance is hosting a contest to win a trip for two to the event.

Enter to win at Mountain Plover Festival Contest Entry through February 29, 2024. The winner will be notified March 4, 2024 and the prize includes one full festival package for two people with a home stay for two nights (Friday and Saturday evening) on a historic Colorado ranch, daily birding tours, Friday evening sandwich and ice cream social, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. Learn more at www.mountainploverfestival.com or www.seelincolncounty.com

“We bring the plover lovers to the bird,” Karval Community Alliance President Dan Merewether said. “Along with bird watching, our guests get the chance to mingle with farmers and ranchers who have lived on this land for generations, eat home style food including a chuck wagon dinner with authentic western entertainment and learn about conservation practices and the history of this unique part of Colorado.”

Birders, nature lovers and families will enjoy unique bird watch-

ing on ordinarily inaccessible private land, wildlife viewing, entertainment, history and lots of great food. Local museums open for the weekend so travelers can get a true glimpse of life on the prairie during their visit to Lincoln County, Colorado.

The Mountain Plover is a bird that begins arriving on Colorado's central plains in early April. Plovers find the short grass prairie and fallow fields in the area to be excellent habitat and Karval, Colorado is one of the largest nesting grounds in the nation. Mountain Plovers migrate over the Rocky Mountains from California, hence the name “mountain,” and stay in the area usually through late summer.

Birders visit this area from all over the world to spot the rare Mountain Plover. Often referred to as the “ghost of the prairie,” plovers blend in with the environment. The Mountain Plover Festival is a terrific time to travel the area in groups searching for nests that are tended by both female and male plovers. Third generation ranchers, the sons and daughters of Colorado homesteaders, lead day and evening tours on public and private land including through a historic area where the Good-night—Loving Cattle Trail ran in the late 1860s, driving the large-scale movement of Texas Longhorns north to Colorado.



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GENOA-HUGO MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

By Will Mallory

The local science fair, including two projects from neighbors in Karval, was a successful event on Wednesday, January 31.

The following students qualified for the East Central Regional Science Fair, which will be held at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Hugo Wednesday, February 21: Kamron Stroud, Ebony Banks, Gabriella Forristall, Kaylin Mohan, Austyn Seymour, Allyson Solze, Paisley Wiersma, Destiny Aberle, Josie Brown, Kasen Carter, Clint Hale, Tayler Thelen, Bryleigh Fox, Lexi James, Gwen Hohl, Ryker Lockhart, Joe White, Lucas Miller, Johnna Monks, Tidus Overkill, Jax Poss, and Gabe Carr.

Representatives from Karval qualifying for Regionals include Gracie Franey, Jayla Kravig, Jace Stone, and Josey Kravig.

Honorable Mention certificates were awarded to Charlotte Overkill, Cash Stone, and Caige Carter.

Special Director's Awards provided by Will Mallory, including checks, went to AnnMarie Bull, Arabella Jackson, Rylie Morris, Gracie Franey, Jayla Kravig, and Jace Stone.

Lots of appreciation goes to all the Hugo and Karval high school students who volunteered as judges, Mr. Monks for getting the lunchroom ready for this annual event, continued administrative support for this endeavor, and the countless hours put in by Ms. Ellen Emmerling to prepare her students for success!

All photos by Will Mallory



Pictured are the winners from Karval School District who competed at the Local Science Fair hosted in Hugo last Wednesday, January 31.

Josey Kravig, Jace Stone, Jayla Kravig, Gracie Franey

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TOUGH ROAD TRIP FOR THE PIRATES

By Will Mallory

The Pirates traveled to Stratton to face off against the Eagles this past Thursday, February 1.

The Lady Pirates got the evening started at 5:00 p.m. against the now #2 ranked Lady Eagles, who currently boast a 12-2 record.

The Eagles got off to a quick start building a 0-7 lead before sophomore Amy James posted two points at the 5:58 mark. Coach Book called a time-out at the 5:08 mark with the Pirates trailing 2-11.

The Lady Pirates committed numerous turnovers and were outrebounded by the Eagles throughout, resulting in a 7-20 lead for Stratton at the end of the first quarter. The half ended with an Eagle lead of 15-42.

The Pirate situation got worse in the third quarter as sophomore starter Rhegan Sitzman sustained an injury. Sitzman did not return to the game. The Lady Pirates dropped this game to the Eagles 35-71.

Sophomore Rylee Kelly led Pirate scorers with five 3 pointers. Both Amy James and Rylee Corn added nine points each in the loss.

The Pirates did not fair any better against the current #4 ranked Eagles, finishing the weekend at 11-3.

The Eagles piled on 11 points before Coach Smith called a timeout at 5:11.

The first points for the Pirates came at 2:06 as senior Trey Smith scored two. The first period ended with a 2-21 Stratton lead. The Pirates got their first trey as senior Dane Lockhart drained the ball for three early

in the second quarter. Junior Eddy Franey made two layups in a row during the middle of the period, but the Eagles would continue to dominate the scoreboard to the end of the half with a score of 13-37.

The contest did not get any better for the Pirates throughout the second half as Stratton maintained their strong team play. The Pirates lost the game 34-82. Lockhart had ten points and Franey added another eight points in the loss.

Saturday evening was an entirely different storyline in which both Pirate squads were very competitive. Despite the poor weather conditions, the Pirates traveled to Fleming to face the Wildcats. This was one evening that I regret missing.

The Lady Pirates got the evening going in what would become an impressive team effort against the #6 ranked Lady Wildcats. According to Coach Book, the Lady Pirates temporarily had a two-point lead in the third quarter but ended up losing the game with a final score of 31-47 as the Pirate's strong performance waned during the final period. Rylee Corn posted eight points, seven boards, and two blocks. Freshman Kazlei Vaughn added six points.

The Pirates ended the weekend road trip on a well-deserved victory against the Wildcats in a score of 50-44. Senior Dane Lockhart led Pirate scorers with 20 points, along with three steals. This was Lockhart's best-scoring performance of the season.

Senior Trey Smith scored 18 points and garnered five boards

and two steals. The Pirates have posted three victories in the last four games and are approaching the .500 mark with an overall record of 7-8.

The Lady Pirates are currently ranked #26 among 1A squads meaning they are still in the running for post-season play.

The Pirates are currently ranked #23.

The top 32 teams will earn post-season play.

The road trip continues for both Pirate squads as they travel to Deer Trail on Friday and Kit Carson on Saturday.

All photos posted this week by Will Mallory of Pirate basketball action are from the Stratton game.

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BADGER BASKETBALL VS WRAY AND BURLINGTON

By Stephanie Zwick

If you were looking for something exciting to do or watch on a Friday night, you needed to look no further than your local Limon Badger basketball games versus the Wray Eagles. The games were extremely tight for both boys and girls. They were nail biters throughout the entire game as both the Badger girls and Badger boys had to work extremely hard against the Wray Eagles teams.

In the first quarter of the Lady Badger’s game, they led by one point. Jentri Marx Jazzy Rosler and Enyceia Frescas put 12 points on the board. The Eagles Dori Saffer led in scored points followed by Addison Jones, and Sydnee Cheek as they posted 11 points.

The second quarter had the Eagles on the board with 14, but the Badgers Marx, Rosler, and Gianna Humphrey kept it close by scoring 10. Going into halftime, the score was Eagles 25 and Badgers 22.

When the girls came back from halftime it was all Badgers. Marx and Teal Schmidt led the charge with Katelyn Tacha, and G. Humphrey pulling in a total of 19 points. The Eagles were right on their tail as Saffer, Jones, and Cheek brought in 11 more points for the Eagles. The Badgers had the lead at the end of the third with 41 points to the Eagles 36.

Fourth quarter action was on fire as both teams put on quite the show. The Eagles were hitting three pointers and baskets giving their team 15 more points. The Badgers tried to keep up and put 8 points up when it all came down to the last seconds of the fourth quarter with the Badgers down two points. The Badgers were able to inbound the ball and get it to G. Humphrey and she scored the last bucket to tie up the game and send the Badgers into overtime with a tie of 51.

As the teams both went into overtime, defense and free throws won the game for the Badgers. The Badgers scored 7 points from 10 free throws and held the Eagles to scoring only three points on four free throws. Coach O’Dwyer stated “The girls never stopped trying and made those free throws when we needed them the most.”

If the Badger girls game didn’t give you a heart attack, the boy’s game sure did. Coach Peterson said “We are playing a tough team and Wray has played quality teams even though their record only said 7-7 that didn’t mean much. There are no more layups on our schedule. We need our players to show up and play like we know we can.”

The boy’s game got off to a fiery start as Aiden Kollath and Jordan Rockwell both put up 3 pointers. Rockwell and Marx also had an additional six points each, a free throw by Kollath gave the Badgers a total of 19 to end the first quarter. The Wray Eagles were hot on their tail as they were able to get Rafael Trijo, AB Ruiz, Ben Harms, Adonay Gonzalez, and Alex Trijo on the score board giving the Eagles team 18 points.

In the second quarter, Kollath, Rockwell, Mason Jaques, Marx, and Keagan Mellott brought in 12 more points for the Badgers. But the Eagles were able to up it with 20 of their own, giving the Eagles 38 points to the Badgers 31 at halftime.

As the third quarter action began Marx led the Badgers in scoring with eight points. Rockwell was able to hit a three and a basket followed by Jaques and Mellott giving the Badgers 17 points for the third quarter. But the Eagles were able to get open shots as they hit several three-pointers. The Eagles led at the end of the third quarter 54 to 48.

The fourth quarter action was just as fast as the third with Rockwell, Marx, and Mellot putting 15 points on the board for the Badgers. It came down to the last 8.4 seconds of the game as the Badgers needed two points to win the game or a free-throw to tie it up and send it to overtime.

The Badgers inbounded to Marx who put up a shot, rebounded the ball and put up a second attempt that didn’t fall when the final buzzer sounded ending the game with the Badgers 63 and the Eagles 64.

There was nothing for the Badgers to hang their heads about as they worked hard the entire game. The teams then took on the Bur-

lington Cougars with a very tight game just like when they played Wray the night before.

The Badgers Jazzy Rosler led the scoring in the first quarter followed by Callie Stone, Katelyn Tacha, and Jentri Marx.

The Cougar pressure and trapping when the Badger players had the ball kept the Badgers score low at 9 points. The Badges were able to keep the Cougars close in scoring as they had Bethany Cure leading scored points in the first quarter at 4, but Lynzee Neal put up a 3 pointer and a 2-point bucket, and Illise Grinnan also scored giving the Cougars 11 points.

The second quarter was a swap in points as the Badgers Gianna Humphrey, Samara Humphrey, Rosler, and Marx added up 11 points. The Cougars were held to 11 points which led into halftime tied at 20 points each.

With the third quarter starting it was the Cougars getting My Lee involved as she hit two 3-pointers, Kiyara Williams, and Trinite Holmes also got involved in scoring, putting 19 points on the board for the quarter. The Badgers needed to use bounce passes more, as their overhead passes weren’t working due to the height of the Cougar girls.

The Badgers didn’t quit and kept

putting up shots. They went to the free throw line 7 times during the quarter scoring 6 points while Rosler and Marx scored two more baskets giving the Badgers 10 points.

It was came down to another nailbiter of a fourth quarter. Rosler, Marx, and Tacha were able to get the Badgers to within a few points of the Cougars. As the time quickly ticked off the clock the Badgers had to play smart and take care of the ball. With 41.5 seconds the score was 48-47 in favor of the Cougars, but the Badgers had control of the ball. A turnover gave the ball back to the Cougars but good defense by the Badgers kept the Cougars from scoring.

Getting the ball back with 28.7 seconds, G. Humphrey was sent to the line and made one of two shots, tying the game at 48-48. There were still 4.3 seconds left and the Badgers were now down by one as a foul had sent the Cougars to the line.

The Badgers managed to get the ball in and down the court but the quick defense by the Cougars made it hard to get any shots off and ended the game with the Badgers 48 and the Cougars 49.

“We let it get away from us and we really need to put the turnovers away. We’ve got to play smarter,

but we played hard against a good team.” coach Bart O’Dwyer said after the game.

The boys’ game was looking like déjà vu as they faced yet another tough team with a 7-7 record. The Badgers quickly were on the board with Jordan Rockwell, Mason Jaques, and Treyton Marx putting up 14 points in the first quarter.

The Cougars seemed like they were unsure of their shots at first only scoring 7 points by Keziah Williams, Daniel Chacon, Rodolfo Estrada, and a free throw made by Stanton Cure. The constant pressure and double teaming on Rockwell was more of the focus for the Cougars.

The second quarter was all Rockwell and Marx as they put up 15 points. Rockwell was able to hit back-to-back 3-pointers. The Badger defense held the Cougars to just 9 points scored by Williams and Adam Lopez. The Badgers were looking good, leading 29 to 16 as they went into halftime.

When the teams returned for the third quarter it was more of a game as the Badgers and Cougars picked up the pace and were more physical. Rockwell was able to hit two more 3-pointers and a two, Cale Bennett was able to get on the board with points. Marx was sent to the free throw line scoring

3 points along with his two baskets giving the Badgers a total of 17 points.

The Cougars were trying to claw back into the game as they put up 14 of their own points during the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was looking like the Badgers were going to let the Cougars back in as they made 20 points for the quarter.

The Badgers were sent to the free throw line 7 times during the quarter and were able to capitalize scoring 10 points. Adien Kollath got on the board, Jaques hit a 3 pointer, and Marx scored a basket giving the Badgers a total of 16 points for the quarter. The Badgers won 60 to the Cougars 49.

“We had some really great things happen in the game against Wray we are proud of our guys. It seems like every time that we play Burlington they always play hard. We will need to utilize our players.” Coach Dirk Pederson said before the game.

The Badgers will play at home on Friday February 9th against Byers for Senior Night and then will travel to Fowler on Saturday February 10th to play in Fowler’s brand new gymnasium.

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Photos by Teresa O’Dwyer and Sherri Smithburg



Aiden Kollath



Drey Tacha



Cale Bennett



Jacob Jaklich



Keagan Mellott



Treyton Marx



Mason Jaques



Kenzi Rockwell holds up a sign for Jordan. He hit his 1000 career points in the Wray game.



O B I T U A R I E S

RUSTY PAINTIN



Rusty Paintin was born in Burlington Colorado in 1969 to Bob and Sandy Paintin and welcomed by big sister Brenda and brother Justin.

He was around 1 year old when the family moved to Trinidad to the Spanish Peaks wildlife area. This is where Rusty's ornery years really began. In Trinidad, Rusty and siblings loved riding horses, roping cats and "shooting the ass off dizzards". He also learned to work at an early age and backed his tricycle up to the horse trailer, cranked it down and literally flattened that tricycle. He was very curious and nothing got past him. He gave his granddad an uppercut wanting to see his false teeth pop out. Granddad hung him on the doorknob by his belt that time.

When Rusty was 5, the family moved to Flagler and he started school in first grade. After first-grade the family moved to Crook, CO. and he went to school for the second and half of third grade. The family then moved to Limon and he completed 3rd, 4th and 5th grade.

In 1978, he and the family welcomed Bobbie Jo. The family then moved back to Flagler where Rusty and siblings would finish growing up and schooling. Through his time in Flagler, Rusty enjoyed hunting, fishing, high school sports, FFA and mostly getting into trouble. He was horseback any chance he got. He went to college for 1 year at LCC and was on the rodeo team riding bulls.

Rusty was blessed with 3 children; Stephanie, Joe and Kelsey. In the mid-90s, Rusty and his family moved back to the Kit Carson area and from then on would stay around the community.

From that point on, Rusty was deeply involved in many aspects of the Cheyenne County community. Rusty gave his time to things such as Little League baseball, the Cheyenne County Fair, Kit Carson Days, and the Kit Carson Volunteer Fire Department.

Rusty was always someone who the community could count on. He constantly put off his own projects and workload to help others. He cherished the ability to serve others and the friendships that came from those actions were held dear to his heart. His friendships were strong and loving no matter how much space and time had come between each of them.

The last few years Rusty became a "cowboy poet" and wrote several stories. He shared them with his heart poured out on paper.

Rusty passed away on January 23, 2024 at Swedish Hospital in Englewood Colorado.

Rusty is survived by his mother Sandra Paintin; sisters Brenda Paintin, Bobbie (Brent) Paintin; brother Justin (Jennifer) Paintin; son Joseph Paintin; daughter Kelsey (Berrie) Paintin; long-time partner Kathy; Stepchildren Kayla (Mike) Buchannon, Tyler (Veronica) Buzzard, and Jason Buzzard; nephew Blake; nieces Becca, Grace, Sarah, and Kaytie; grandchildren Adaline, Jordan, Winter, Wesley, Jaelynn, Teagan, Easton, Layton, and Kyson.

Rusty is preceded in death by his father Robert Paintin; daughter Stephanie Paintin and stepson Jeffrey Kregel.

If anyone should want to honor Rusty, the family asks donations to be directed to the memorial bank account located at any Eastern Colorado Bank location or mailed to Eastern Colorado Bank, PO Box 175, Kit Carson, CO. 80825.

Funeral Services were held February 2, 2024, at the Kit Carson High School in Kit Carson. Burial followed in the Kit Carson Cemetery.

Friends and family can register online condolences and sign the guestbook at www.brownfuneraldirectors.com. Visitation and funeral services have been entrusted to the care of the Brown Funeral Home.

MILDRED SCHULER



Mildred Schuler passed away January 31, 2024, in Hugo, Colorado at the age of 98.

Mildred Clorine (Sutton) Schuler was born April 23, 1925 to Eugene and Florence Sutton in rural Ness County, Kansas.

Mildred grew up on a ranch with her sister, Cora Lillian, and her brothers, John and Bob. She loved all aspects of farm life and preferred working outside with the animals, helping her dad with field work, driving the tractor and caring for her little brothers. Mildred also helped her mother and sister prepare meals for the ranch hired hands in a cook shack.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at a young age and trusted Him throughout her life.

Mildred attended a one room country grade school near the ranch and high school in Ness City and graduated in 1945.

During high school, she dated a neighbor boy, Henry Schuler. On January 5, 1947 they were married at the First Baptist Church in Ness City, Kansas. They were great partners in life with Mildred as Henry's helpmate and both contributing to the community by

lending a helping hand to anyone who needed it. They celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary in January, 2024.

The couple had two daughters, Linda and Peggy. In 1957 they purchased a ranch in Eastern Colorado and the family moved from Kansas to their home of 23 years near Yoder.

Mildred cherished the role of farm wife, mother, and homemaker. She continued to help Henry with the ranch looking after the cattle and was active in the girls' school and 4-H events. Her life-long gifts were hospitality and service, and she loved hosting family gatherings and serving her church, First Baptist Church, in Simla, Colorado for almost 60 years.

Henry and Mildred sold the ranch in 1980 and moved to Simla where Mildred continued to help Henry with his business, Schuler Terracing. Their Christian values permeated the volunteer work they did for many around them, as they expected nothing in return.

Until about age 85, Mildred found joy in mowing her neighbors' yards with her riding lawn mower or making a plate of her cinnamon rolls for them. She loved cleaning her house, cleaning the church and washing vehicles. She had a reputation of working hard and fast, always with a can-do attitude.

In 2017, at ages 91 and 92, Henry and Mildred moved from Simla and lived near Limon where their daughter, Peggy, looked after them. Later they moved to assisted living centers, first in Loveland for three years, then in Limon.


Every person who had con-

tact with Mildred found her to be sweet, kind and loving. She loved to share memories of her childhood and her family. She treasured her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and prayed for them daily.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Cora Lillian Burditt; brother John Sutton, and several of her in-laws. She is survived by her husband, Henry Schuler; daughters Linda (Peter) Schoon and Peggy (Randy) Malcom; 6 grandchildren Michael (Danielle) Schoon, Rebecca (Adam) Bradley, Stephen (Jennifer) Schoon and Leslie Wade, Janice (Mark) Bee, and Laura (Lincoln) Korell, 14 great grandchildren; Robby, Anna, and Kate Schoon, Hosanna, Ryker, Maverick, and Tilly Bradley, Aly and Emma Wade, John, Kayla, Cash, and Sadie Bee, and Miles Korell. Mildred is also survived by her brother Bob Sutton, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Love Funeral Home, Limon, Colorado. Pre-service visitation was held at 10:00-10:30 a.m. followed by the Celebration of Life service on February 7, 2024, 10:30 a.m. at High Plains Baptist Church, Limon, Colorado. Reverend James R. Schoon officiated. Interment was at Pershing Memorial Cemetery in Limon, Colorado. Love Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be given to Lincoln County Hospice, Hugo, Colorado, or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, <https://billygraham.org>.



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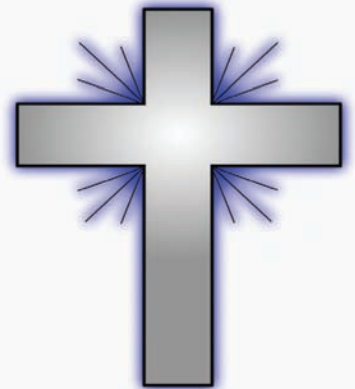
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to approve these as the new legal descriptions had not been provided by the surveyor to the county for recording of the property. One property had already been subdivided some 30 plus years ago but there was never a recording of a new legal description. The commissioners will address these issues at their next commissioners meeting if not before. The commissioners also went into a public hearing for Resolutions #1115 and #1116 which

provide supplementary budget appropriations for Public Health and for the Lincoln County Human Services fund. Both departments had overspent their budget which is why this supplementary budget appropriation was necessary. The commissioners approved a request for a county credit card for Tawnia Coleman in the Human Services department. They reviewed and acted upon the Colorado Parks and Wildlife impact assistance grant applica-

tion which is a yearly grant in the amount of \$937.04. The Commissioners gave their reports on meetings they had attended. Commissioner Wayne Ewing said that they were working on County Road 3C. The commissioners were going to a meeting on site at 2:30 with the BOCC, road foreman, and Ted Lucero the DHSEM recovery grant specialist. Commissioner Ewing stated that there was a large hole form-

from front page ing on 2W that needed looked at and addressed. Ewing said he talked to Limon Town Board members about the meeting as he was unable to attend. Commissioner Doug Stone stated they had a tractor being sent back to Burlington for repairs and they are blading roads since there was some recent snow and rain. Commissioner Steve Burgess stated that after their last commissioners meeting, they were all able to go have lunch at the

hospital. Burgess said he checked roads and talked with Ken Stroud about FEMA wanting to know when the roads were built. He also talked to Stroud about the meeting that they were having this afternoon. Burgess received a call about roll offs for the steel that is piling up out at the land-fill. The next commissioners meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 16.

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UNIQUE GIFTS FOR YOUR VALENTINE

By Melinda Myers

Chocolates and roses are synonymous with Valentine's Day. They are always a welcome gift but maybe this is the year you decide to give your Valentine something different.

Consider an indoor plant with heart-shaped leaves or flowers. Anthuriums are an easy-to-grow long blooming indoor plant. The red, pink, or white heart-shaped flowers rise above glossy green leaves. Grow it in a brightly lit location out of direct sunlight and water when the soil is slightly dry.

Heart-shaped leaves and colorful flowers of the florist cyclamen (*Cyclamen persicum*) make it an excellent choice. Its pink, red, purple, or white flowers rise above variegated leaves of green and silver. It prefers cool, draft-free locations and bright indirect light. Allow the soil to almost dry between waterings.

Valentine hoyas, also known as Sweetheart hoyas (*Hoya kerrii*), is usually sold as a single rooted leaf in a small container. It eventually grows into a vining plant and requires the same care as other hoyas. Grow it in a warm location with bright indirect light and well-drained soil.

String of hearts (*Ceropegia woodii*) is just that, a thin vine dotted with an abundance of small heart-shaped leaves. The leaves are dark green with silver highlights adding to its appeal. Grow it in bright light with well-drained soil and water it when the soil is dry.

Beginning and experienced gardeners will appreciate a low-maintenance

pothos or philodendron with heart-shaped leaves. Select one of the variegated philodendron varieties like Brasil or Neon pothos with bright lime green leaves for a bit different look.

Purchase or create a heart-shaped topiary. At your favorite garden center, you'll find many ready-to-buy or all the necessary materials to plant your own.

All you need is a pot with drainage holes, a couple of vining-type plants like wire vine or English ivy, and a piece of heavy gauge wire or a pre-formed heart-shaped topiary frame.

Small-leaved ivies and wire vines are easy to train into attractive topiaries. Look for small plants with long branches for immediate impact.

Bend the wire into a heart shape with one or two legs that will extend into the container. Fill the bottom half of the container with a well-drained potting mix. Set the topiary frame in place. Locate the plants in the container so the stems can be trained up either side of the heart. Cover the roots with soil and water. Secure the stems to the wireframe and add a decorative stone mulch, if desired.

If your recipient is an avid gardener, they may prefer assembling their own Valentine's topiary. Just provide all the materials and directions wrapped in pretty paper.

If you opt for fresh flowers, make sure to get the most from your floral investment. Look for the freshest flowers possible. A whiff of the water will let you know if the flowers are fresh and have been

properly tended.

Look for upright and perky flowers with lots of firm buds that are just starting to open. Avoid cut flowers with drooping discolored leaves and slimy stems.

Give the recipient a packet of floral preservatives and encourage them to remove any lower leaves and recut the stems before placing them in a clean vase.

If the roses bend at the neck soon after purchase, there is an easy cure. Remove them from their vase, recut the stems, and submerge the whole rose – stem, leaves, flowers, and all – in a sink or tub of warm water. Leave the roses submerged for 30 minutes. Recut the stem and place it in a clean vase with fresh water and a floral preservative.

Always protect your living Valentine's gift when transporting it between the store, your home, and your Valentine. Wrap plants or cut flowers to protect them from the weather and never leave them in a cold or hot car.

Whatever plant or flowers you select, you are sure to generate a smile.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Local Student Earns Degree from University of Northern Colorado GREELEY, Colo.- The following local student was among those who received degrees from the University of Northern Colorado at the end of the fall 2023 semester. The student, degree, area of study, honors and hometown is: Lois Walters, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, Limon.

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TOWN UNITES TO FIGHT A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

By Mary Moran

Moab, Utah is a growing town of 5,300 that up to five million people visit each year to hike nearby Arches and Canyonlands national parks, ride mountain bikes and all-terrain vehicles, or raft the Colorado River.

Like any western resort town, it desperately needs affordable housing. What locals say it doesn't need is a high-end development on a sandbar projecting into the Colorado River, where groves of cottonwoods, willows and hackberries flourish.

"Delusional," shameful" or "outrageous" is what many locals call this Kane Creek Preservation and Development project, some sending letters of outrage to the weekly Moab Times-Independent and Moab Sun News. Developers plan 580 luxury housing units and a business park on the floodplain.

The 180-acre site is less than two miles downstream of Moab along a cracked asphalt road that's barely two lanes. The development site and the unpredictable river are bounded by looming canyon walls. The road turns to dirt at the downstream end of the site before heading up Kane Creek, a popular mountain biking, hiking and

four-wheeling area.

Just upstream of the site, there's a riverside BLM campground and the mouth of cottonwood-shaded Moonflower Canyon, with its ancient petroglyph panels.

I first saw this floodplain site in April 1984 when it was underwater. Moab's former Mosquito Abatement Manager Bob Phillips reports he canoed the site in 1995.

By mid-January of this year, a petition fighting the development, created by Moab resident Laura Long, had 1,200 local signatures. More than 13,000 other signatures came from visitors to Moab or former residents who have their own connections to this land of canyons and slickrock. Access the petition and more information here: <https://kanecreekwatch.org/>.

A Jan. 16 Grand County Commission meeting about the development packed the chambers, the hallway and Zoom lines. The crowds of largely younger activists made the hearts of us older residents swell.

Like many resort towns in the west, Moab is rich in beauty, nature and outdoor activities. It's why locals live and work here, and it's what we care about preserving. But housing is hard to come by for

working people.

Many live in their cars and vans. Local government and nonprofits pursue admirable, but relatively small-scale projects, to build workforce and low-income housing. Unfortunately, this high-end project won't bring us what we need.

How was this project approved? It's complicated, but in 1992, the Grand County Commission mistakenly granted rights to build dense commercial and residential buildings on this property, instead of just the campground the former owners wanted. Developers are now exploiting the mistake.

The project has approval to haul in 8 to 10 feet of fill to bury the riparian soils and reach the required one-foot elevation above the designated 100-year floodplain. The County Commission hoped to exercise some control by governing the development's water and sewer treatment plants, but the state Legislature intervened and allowed developers to run their own district instead.

"Re-grading" is underway and

expected to take more than a year. It is major earth-moving, building up the floodplain and the adjacent Kane Creek Road.

Now, drivers and mule deer must watch for haul trucks that move cobbles, gravel and sand onto the floodplain. Migrating and resident birds that nest there may need to make new plans this spring.

Moab resident and Colorado River expert John Weisheit, along with others, have documented evidence of the Colorado River flooding in the past, some floods four times greater than any river volume in living memory.

Future, smaller floods may flood the site with upwelling from rising groundwater. Larger floods will most likely occur as climate change brings more extreme weather events. The entire development could be inundated, causing property loss and a lot of debris flowing downstream and into Canyonlands National Park.

This floodplain should be left alone. Think of the coming of floods small and large, unsolved housing issues, potential sew-

age-treatment plant failures, lawsuits, road issues, disrupted dark skies, destruction of a wide swath of critical wildlife habitat in the desert, and, of course, heartbreak.

Besides reading like an absurd satire, it sounds like a very poor investment.



Mary Moran is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She lives in Moab where she is a hiker and birder. For 20 years, she worked for Arches and Canyonlands national parks.



Colorado River near Moab October 2023/courtesy Writers on the Range

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Beginning of Session Newsletter January 2024

Second Regular Session of the 74th General Assembly Starts

On Wednesday, January 10, the 2024 Colorado Legislative Session began. I am privileged and proud to be serving another year as your State Senator.



Senators Byron Pelton and Rod Pelton, during 4-H Day at the Capitol

Where I Am Serving

I count myself fortunate to have been assigned to the following three committees for this legislative session:

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Local Government and Housing

Legislative Audit Committee

I am looking forward to serving YOU this legislative session!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me. It is my honor to serve you and I always appreciate hearing from my constituents.

Faithfully,

Senator Rod Pelton

Outnumbered Again

Kicking off this session, we are once again outnumbered in both chambers. Right now, serving in the legislature, there are 23 Democrats and 12 Republicans in the Senate. In the House, there are 47 Democrats and 18 Republicans. It does not take much to realize we are not only outnumbered, but severely outnumbered. Our hands are tied. That is not an excuse to sit back; it is simply a statement of fact.

The first floor debate of the 2024 session consisted of discussion around House Bill 1084, which is a Democrat bill relating to property taxes. For the past several years, Colorado Republican Lawmakers have been working hard to lower taxes for every Coloradan. Unfortunately, that hard work has been rejected by the Democrat majority. All efforts to amend the bill were killed immediately by the Democrats. The hardworking people of Colorado deserve better.

On Monday, January 29, we celebrated 4-H Day at the Capitol. I was a Senate co-prime sponsor of this resolution. I was honored to recognize these young leaders from around the state as they are our future.

My Bills

SB24-099: Concerning public employees' retirement association limitations on employment after retirement for a service retiree employed by a rural school. **Assigned to the education committee.**

SB24-004: Concerning the administration of county veterans service offices. **Passed on third reading unanimously.**

Senator Rod Pelton



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SCHOOL NEWS

LIMON ACTIVITIES

FEB 9
ALL DAY Colo HS All State Choir @ Buell Theater
ALL DAY HSW Regional @ Akron
ALL DAY Speech Meet- National Qualls
4:00 p.m. HSBB vs. Byers C-JV-V

FEB 10
ALL DAY Colo HS All State Choir @ Buell Theater
ALL DAY HSW Regional @ Ak-

ron
ALL DAY Speech Meet- National Qualls
8:00 a.m. ACT
1:00 p.m. HSBB @ Fowler C-JV-V

FEB 12
ALL DAY FFA Week
7:00 p.m. Act. Bldg. Make-A-Wish BBall game

FEB 13
ALL DAY FFA Week

ALL DAY Act. Bldg. Class Pictures

FEB 14
ALL DAY FFA Week
9:45 a.m. WMC- NHS Ceremony
11:00 a.m. Foyer- NHS Lunch
6:30 p.m. WMC- Spirit Practice

FEB 15
ALL DAY FFA Week
ALL DAY HSW State Tournament @ Ball Arena

LIMON MENU

FEB 12
Jc/Cereal/Toast/Fruit
Chicken Pot Pie/Biscuit top, Veggies/Fruit

FEB 13
Jc/Omelet/Toast/Fruit

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Veggie/Fruit

FEB 14
Happy Valentine's Day
Ash Wednesday
Jc/Cream of Wheat/Fruit

Cheese Dipper, Marinara/Salsa, Veggie/Fruit

FEB 15
Jc/Cereal/Toast/Fruit
Sloppy Joes on a WG Bun, Oven Fries, Veggie/Fruit

GENOA-HUGO ACTIVITIES

FEB 9
4:00 p.m. HSBB @ Deer Trail

FEB 10
2:00 p.m. HSBB @ Kit Carson

FEB 12
ALL DAY FFA Week

5:30 p.m. FFA Hired Hand Auction

FEB 13
ALL DAY FFA Week
2:30 p.m. SUP-Student Advisroy Commettee

FEB 14
ALL DAY FFA Week

FEB 15
ALL DAY FFA Week
4:00 p.m. HSBB Home w/ Eads

KARVAL ACTIVITIES

FEB 9
8:00 a.m. Teacher PD Day
4:00 p.m. GH/K HSBB @ Deer Trail

FEB 10
2:00 p.m. GH/K HSBB @ Kit Carson

FEB 14
ALL DAY Elementary Valentine's

Party

FEB 15
4:00 p.m. GH/K HSBB @ Eads

ARRIBA- FLAGLER ACTIVITIES

FEB 9
NO SCHOOL- Professional Learning Community Day
8:00 a.m. Vona Dance Studio Practice in Cafeteria
9:00 a.m. Flager FFA hosts District FFA Awards Review (Ag RM & Cafeteria)
3:30 p.m. FBLA Angelman's Cake Raffle (Hallway by the gym)
4:00 p.m. 8th Grade Class Supper
4:00 p.m. Basketball here vs. Bethune (JHB/JHG/VB/VG)

FEB 10
9:00 a.m. A-F Pee Wee Basketball Practice (gym)
4:00 p.m. BBall @ Lone Star (JHB/JHG/VB/VG)

FEB 11
5:00 p.m. Club Volleyball

FEB 12
ALL DAY FFA Official Dress Day (Blue & Gold)
6:00 a.m. Girls BBAI Practice (gym)
9:00 a.m. Admin Meeting in the

Board Room (gym)
12:00 p.m. Activity Meeting: 9th Grade
4:00 p.m. Boys BBAI Practice (gym)
4:00 p.m. JH BBAI @ Woodlin (JHG/JHB)
5:30 p.m. FFA Meetin (Ag RM)
6:00 p.m. School Board Work Session

FEB 13
ALL DAY FFA "Dress like a Teacher" Day
7:00 a.m. FFA Teacher Breakfast (Ag RM)
11:47 FFA Greenhand/Officer Lunch in the Ag Room
12:00 p.m. Activity Meeting: Stu-Co
4:00 p.m. Boys BBAI Practice (gym)
4:00 p.m. Chess Club Meets in VNETS RM 1
4:00 p.m. JH Knowledge Bowl Practice in RM 21
5:30 p.m. Girls BBAI Practice

FEB 14
ALL DAY FFA "Merica Day" (Red, White & Blue)
7:00 a.m. HS Knowledge Bowl Practice in RM W21
9:00 a.m. FFA Petting Zoo (Ag Shop)
4:00 p.m. Boys BBAI Practice (gym)
4:00 p.m. Girls BBAI Practice (Legion)

FEB 15
ALL DAY FFA "Bring Anything but a Backpack to School" Day
3:15 p.m. FFA Week Awards Assembly (gym)
4:00 p.m. Boys BBAI Practice (gym)
4:00 p.m. Chess Club Meets in VNETS RM 1
5:30 p.m. Girls BBAI Practice (gym)
6:30 p.m. FFA Family Fun Night/Ag Olympics (gym)

PROJECT SMILE MEALS

TUES. FEB. 13
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Country Gravy, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, WW Roll w/Margarine, Strawberries, Ice Cream Cup.

THURS. FEB. 15
Ham and Beans, Cheddar Cheese Stick, Creamy Coleslaw, Cornbread, Angel Food Cake w/Mixed

Berries.

TUES. FEB. 20
Braised Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy. Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Green Beans, Apple Crisp.

THURS. FEB. 22
Hamburger Stroganoff, Peas, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

TUES. FEB. 27
Oven Fired Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Broccoli Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Whole Wheat Roll w/Margarine, Snickerdoodle Cookie.

THURS. FEB. 29
Chicken Pot Pie, Broccoli Salad, Mixed Berries w/Whipped Topping, Raisin Nut Cup.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOLUTION FROM LAST WEEK'S PAPER

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10) Be a successful pitcher?
14) Like a Koontz novel, say
15) VIP in a burnoose
16) Balm base
17) Boeing 777, for one
20) Reprieve from the governor
21) Band follower?
22) Moon feature
23) Moonves runs it
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31) Fancy kind of rags
32) Bleacher feature
36) Org. based in Strasbourg
39) Follow the advice of
40) Lampblack
41) "All aboard!"
42) Anastasia's father, e.g.
43) Gratify
44) Lame excuse
47) Underhanded
48) Princess Leia's surname
49) "His Master's Voice" co.
50) Use FedEx
54) Karaoke activity
57) Ominous date for Caesar
58) Black vein contents
59) "___ circumstances beyond our control ..."
60) American Revolution detractor
61) Banjoist Scruggs
62) After-market item

DOWN

- 1) Understands
2) Political figure Gingrich
3) "Tosca" tune

- 4) Diminutive
5) "What did I tell you?"
6) Philbin of TV
7) Among
8) Immoral misdeed
9) Rule out in advance
10) Word with "greens" or "days"
11) Bring cheer to
12) Company avoider
13) Offensive facial expression
18) Catches red-handed
19) Snobbish highbrow
23) It has many functions, briefly
24) Add on, as to a plant
25) Jet speed
26) Woodwind lower than a piccolo
27) Pouty expression
28) Matter topper?
29) Ocean bottom
31) Act self-satisfied
32) Palm or pawpaw
33)Very small amount
34) Narrarive writing
35) Russo or Descartes
37) Act of putting into circulation
38) Optically offensive
42) Grammy-winner Braxton
43) Surveyor's map
44) System of principles
45) Impolite looker
46) Easy victim
47) Henley Regatta craft
48) Black-bordered bio
49) Laugh heartily
50) It may be found on a lobe
51) Colored
52)"... and ___ the fire"
53) Exploited laborer
55) Make a little ___ long way
56) Abbr. on a toothpast box

SOLUTION IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

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Please make plans to attend our local
Annual Meeting & Work Group Meeting.
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USDA Service Center,
318 5th Street Hugo, CO
This is your opportunity as a cooperator to
make your voice heard about the priority
resource concerns for NRCS-EQIP funding in
Lincoln County.

A Visitor's Perspective: Malcolm King's Heartwarming Experience in Hugo

Recently Malcolm King, a tourist from Cincinnati Ohio found himself traveling though Hugo. What transpired during his short stay left a lasting impression on him, prompting him to share his delightful experience via an email to Town Hall. We, too, are thrilled to share the heartwarming details of Malcolm's visit that reflect the warmth and friendliness of our community.

"Hello,
I live in Cincinnati, but a couple of weeks ago was in Hugo as part of a trip following the trail of the old railroad in Western Kansas and Southeastern Colorado. I wasn't in Hugo very long, but had such a good time there that I thought it only right to give some feedback. For in an hour or so I met a number of very friendly, interesting, and helpful people. I wanted some postcards (they're surprisingly difficult to find these days, but my daughter and granddaughter demand them,) and there they were at the antique store. I wanted some Colorado alcohol as several family members demand this when I return from one of my trips, and there it was at the liquor store. I

needed an onyx figurine as my daughter collects them, and there was this nice little herd of moose at the coffee shop. I'm a big fan of Teddy Roosevelt, and who should I meet on 4th Street but the reincarnation of Teddy himself !And I had a great time talking with them all, cheerful and interesting people that they were. Good folks that you have there in Hugo.

Best wishes,
Malcolm King"

The positive impact of our small businesses and the warm hospitality of our residents have once again proven to be the driving force behind making Hugo a memorable destination for travelers passing through. As we celebrate the unique experiences our town offers, let Malcolm King's journey serve as a testament to the exceptional community spirit that defines Hugo. We extend our gratitude to Malcolm for taking the time to share his uplifting experience, and we look forward to welcoming more visitors who will undoubtedly discover the hidden gems and friendly faces that make our town special.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE ELECTORS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO:
According to the provisions of Colorado Revised Statutes 1-5-205(1) (a) through 1-5-205 (1) (d), 1-5-205 (4), and 1-7.5-107, I, Corinne M. Lengel, Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder, do hereby give notice that a mail-in ballot Presidential Primary Election will occur on March 5, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Mail voted ballots to:
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Hugo, CO 80821
Must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day – postmarks do not count!
Drop off voted ballots:
February 13 through March 5 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F; 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day)
Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder
Lincoln County Courthouse
103 3rd Avenue
Hugo, CO 80821
24-hour drop-boxes (open at 5:00 p.m. on February 12 and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day):
Limon Town Hall
100 Civic Center Drive
Limon, CO 80828
Lincoln County Courthouse
103 3rd Avenue
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VSPC (Voter Service and Polling Center) - Ballot drop-off/In-person voting:
Monday through Friday (February 26 through March 4) 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday (March 2) 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Tuesday, March 5 (Election Day) 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder
Lincoln County Courthouse
103 3rd Avenue
Hugo, CO 80821
ADA accessible voting machines available at this location.
For sample ballots, please visit lincolncounty.colorado.gov
I, Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk and Recorder of Lincoln County, Colorado, do hereby certify that the sample ballot posted in the county clerk's office and available on the county website is a true, complete, and correct list of all candidate nominations for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election, as the names appear on the original certifications filed in my office.
Corinne M. Lengel
County Clerk and Recorder
Lincoln County, Colorado
February 2, 2024
Published February 8, 2024
in The Leader
Legal No. 15

NOTICE OF HEARING
To: Robert Poland
Case Number 23C57
A hearing on Temporary Civil Protection Order will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: 3/4/2024
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Address: 103 3rd Avenue
Hugo, CO 80821

The hearing will take approximately 30 minutes.
Sequoya Poland by Amber Poland
First Publication January 25, 2024
Final Publication February 22, 2024
in The Leader
Legal No. 13

TOWN BOARD

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concerns. When questioned, it was stated the license could be re-called at any time should other violations be discovered. The license for Windmill Liquor was renewed unanimously after discussion.

Finally, the license for Tamarack Golf Course was up for renewal. Discussion ensued as the golf club is seeking a new license to serve a full range of alcohol options rather than just beer. The new license will be up for approval at the March meeting, but the renewal is necessary before March. The license for the course was also renewed unanimously after discussion.

Resolution No. 24-02-04, Agreement with East Central Council of Governments (ECCOG) for FTA Section 5311, 2024 Transportation 2. This resolution continues the partnership and agreement with ECCOG and the Outback Express. The agreement will continue the 50% match provided by ECCOG to reimburse money the town budgets for the bus. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 24-02-05, Direct Service Contract with East Central Council of Governments (ECCOG) for County Services. This resolution will authorize the continued agreement with ECCOG for out of town bus trips provided by ECCOG and its bus service. The Town of Limon provides ECCOG with a stipend each quarter as it is used by residents. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 24-02-06, Authorizing the Town Clerk to Cancel the Regular Municipal Election Scheduled for April 2, 2024. The regular municipal election would be held to elect the town trustees. However, while there are three open positions, only two incumbents have submitted their names for the election. Instead of an election, the incumbents will be reinstated at the April board meeting. It will then fall to the board to appoint someone to the final position. The resolution passed unanimously.

If you are interested in serving the town board, please reach out to the board, mayor, or town employees for more information.

Further discussion involved incentives for trustees and what other towns and counties are currently offering for their board members.

The approval of bills passed unanimously.

The reports followed with Town Attorney Ellie LeBuhn who had nothing to discuss.

City Manager Greg Tacha noted that the city accountant had been here this week and was working hard. The housing needs assessment being conducted for the area, including Kit Carson and Hugo, is in the rough draft stage and will be completed soon. Tacha also noted that the water improvement project is moving along with filter tests happening in the coming weeks and plans to open the wells in March. The water project is estimated to be a \$4.5 million project.

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) awarded a \$1 million grant last fall, and the town was approved for a loan from DOLA on Thurs., Feb. 1, that will likely offer a \$2 million loan forgiveness bringing the projected total for the town to \$1.5 million.

Mayor Bo Randolph reported that staff reviews and strategic planning need to be added to the calendar in the near future. He requested that ECCOG should be invited to present after the new board members are instated to review what they provide for our town. He also requested Tyler Ververs, the golf course manager and the new police officer come before the board.

Trustee Josh Niebur expressed his gratitude for officers who know what to do when faced with life and death situations and for hiring a new officer.

Trustee Wendy Pottorff echoed the sentiments for the officers and expressed a continued need for new volunteers for the ambulance and fire protection. She stated that more people need to be aware of the need and we need to generate more interest.

Trustee Jon Chittenden stated he was privileged to live in a town with guys like our officers who are ready to do what is necessary.

Trustee Sara Lancaster reminded the board and those in attendance of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Lunch at Transwest at 11:30 am, Thursday, February 8.

Trustee Avril Beattie, who zoomed in, echoed the sentiments of all the board members thanking the officers for their actions.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD

LLC
Nature of Hearing/Proposed Use of the Site:
Scout Clean Energy LLC, is requesting a use by special review for the construction and operation of a large-scale solar, hybrid solar and battery storage facility called the Dunaway Solar Project under the Lincoln County Zoning Resolutions.

Project Name and Number: Dunaway Solar Project, Development Permit #24-01
Legal Description:
S16 T11S R52W
S1/2N1/2 S15 T11 R52W
S1/2N1/2N1/2 S15 T11 R52W
N1/2 S21 T11 R52W

S22 T11 R52W All
W1/2 S5 T11 R52W
S6, S8, S17, 18, S19, S30 T11 R52W All
W1/2 S7 T11 R52W
N1/2 S20 T11 R52W
The application is also on file for public review, and you may obtain more information at the Lincoln County Land Use Office located at:
326 8th Street
Hugo, Colorado 80821
First Publication February 8, 2024
Final Publication February 15, 2024
in The Leader
Legal No. 14

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 10-23

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On November 13, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Lincoln records.

Original Grantor(s)	Ganalodge Corporation
Original Beneficiary(ies)	NOA Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	PromiseOne Bank
Date of Deed of Trust	July 05, 2018
County of Recording	Lincoln
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	July 05, 2018
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	350332
Original Principal Amount	\$2,060,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$1,864,520.00

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(j), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

Lot 1, Block 1, ROSS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat recorded August 7, 1986 at Reception No. 289979, County of Lincoln, State of Colorado.

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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 am on Thursday, 03/14/2024, at Public Trustees Office

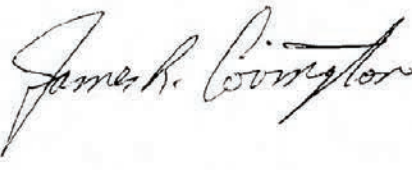
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Hugo, CO 80821, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 1/18/2024
Last Publication 2/15/2024
Name of Publication The Limon Leader

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

DATE: 11/13/2023

James R. Covington, Public Trustee in and for the County of Lincoln, State of Colorado



By: James R. Covington, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Snell & Wilmer LLP 1200 Seventeenth Street, Ste 1950, Denver, CO 80202 (303) 634-2000
Attorney File # 4889-9474-5997.1
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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Are you looking for a job that makes you feel valued and provides opportunities for professional and personal growth? Do you like doing different tasks so you don't get bored? If that sounds good to you, then Hoffman Drug is the place for you! We have Full-Time Receiving Clerk position available. Applicants must be efficient in computer skills, math skills and have organizations skills. Pay starting at \$14.42 to \$19.00 per hour depending on experience. Hoffman Drug offers medical insurance, 401K, paid time off and profit-sharing opportunities. Please apply in person at Hoffman Drug, 900 Main St. Limon, CO. WK 6-7

FULL-TIME FLOOR POSITION
Are you looking for a job that makes you feel valued and provides opportunities for professional and personal growth? Do you like doing different tasks so you don't get bored? If that sounds good to you, then Hoffman Drug is the place for you! We have Full-Time floor position available, starting at \$14.42 to \$17.00 per hour depending on experience. Applicants must have basic computer skills, self-driven and be customer oriented. Hoffman Drug offers medical insurance, 401K, paid time off and profit-sharing opportunities. Please apply in person at Hoffman Drug, 900 Main St. Limon, CO. WK 6-7

OUTBACK EXPRESS BUS DRIVER
Part-time position on 1st and 4th Wednesdays (12-15 hours average) each month open until filled in Lincoln County, starting wage \$14.88-16.37/Hr. Negotiable based on experience. Duties/Requirements include: applicant must reside in Lincoln County; must pass DOT physical examination and pre-employment drug test; possess a valid driver's license with good driving record and access to reliable transportation; complete required program reports; have strong interest in working with senior citizens and the public; basic first aid/CPR, training provided as needed. To request an application and job description, call the ECCOG office in Stratton at 719-348-5562, or email Sean at svanous@prairiedevelopment.com. Return application by hand, mail, fax, or email. ECCOG is an Equal Opportunity Employer. WK 6-8

SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR
Part-time position Tuesdays and Thursday, 7 hours average daily in Limon, open until filled. Starting wage \$14.88 - \$16.37/Hr., negotiable based on experience. Responsibilities include: retrieving meals from kitchen and returning to senior center for serving; assisting older adults and volunteers obtain information on programs and services under the Older Americans Act provided by ECCOG; advocate for older adults and their caregivers; plan events and activities at the senior center; complete required monthly reports; possess valid driver's license with good driving record and have reliable transportation; strong interest in working with older adults and the public. To request an application and job description, call the ECCOG office in Stratton at 719-348-5562, or email Sean at svanous@prairiedevelopment.com. Return application by mail, fax, or email. ECCOG is an Equal Opportunity Employer. WK 6-8

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
Special Education Teacher for a significant needs program located at the Strasburg School District for 2024-25 School Year. Current Colorado Special Education Teacher

license required. BA salary range \$41,000-\$47,300 & MA salary range \$46,250-\$52,550, based on experience. Excellent benefits. including full health benefits! Collaborative work environment with lots of free continuing education opportunities available. May be eligible for Student Loan Forgiveness. Questions contact Tracy at (719) 775-2342, ext. 101 or tracyg@ecboces.org. To apply for this position, please visit our website ec-boces.org and click on the "Jobs" page, click on the job you are interested in & then click on the green button "Apply Online" at the bottom of the job listing. EOE WK 6-11

GRAIN ELEVATOR OPERATOR
Grain Elevator Operator position open. Please call 719-765-4402 or email kmisiaszek@wagners.com for more information. Pay Starts at \$15 + Based on experience. WK 6-9

FULL TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION
Full Time Maintenance Position Open in Flagler. Pay starts at \$20 + Based on experience and qualifications. Call 719-765-4402 for more information or email kmisiaszek@wagners.com for an application and job description. WK 6-9

REGISTERED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST/COTA
Full-Time and part-time Registered Occupational Therapist/COTA for 2024-25 School Year. OTR or COTA must have, or be eligible for appropriate Colorado licensure. Provide Pre-12 intervention, assessment, attend IEP meetings and provide direct & indirect services. Full Time Salary range: MA \$50,450 - \$56,050 PhD \$55,700 - \$61,300 for 186 days. COTA Salary range- \$41,000-48,000 for 186 days .Part-Time Salary prorated based on the number of days employed. Fully paid insurance including medical, dental and vision. Access to a company vehicle or mileage reimbursement. May be eligible for a loan forgiveness program! Flexible scheduling with the opportunity to complete some work from home. To apply for this position, please visit our website ecbores.org and click on the "Jobs" page, click on the job you are interested in & then click on the green button "Apply Online", located at the bottom of the job listing. Questions contact Tracy at (719) 775-2342, ext. 101. EOE WK 3-6

TEACHER OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
East Central BOCES is seeking a Part-Time 3 day a week Teacher of

the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the 2024-2025 school year. Salary Range- \$27,750-\$32,790 for 112 days dependent on experiences and education. Hold or be able to attain a Colorado Teaching License with an endorsement as a Special Education Specialist-Deaf/Hard of Hearing required. Complete assessments, attend IEP meetings, provide direct and indirect special education services. Excellent benefits including access to a company vehicle or mileage reimbursement and fully paid health insurance, including vision and dental. May be eligible for loan forgiveness program. Flexible scheduling with the opportunity to complete some work from home. To apply for this position, please visit our website ecbores.org and click on the "Jobs" page, click on the job you are interested in & then click on the green button "Apply Online", located at the bottom of the job listing. Questions contact Tracy at (719) 775-2342, ext. 101. EOE WK 3-6

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST OR SLPA
Remote or in person FT or part time Speech-Language Pathologist or SLPA Positions Available for the 2024-2025 school year. Open to School Internships. No Contract Agencies. Able to provide supervision for CFY hours. Join our dynamic, multi-disciplinary team of professionals for the 2024-25 school year. Complete assessments, attend IEP meetings, provide direct services and indirect services for students in PreK-12th grades. Competitive salaries: SLP - \$50,450-\$56,050 & SLPA- BA \$41,000-\$46,600 based on 186 day contract. Salaries given are based on a full-year contract. Salary commensurate upon experience. May also be eligible for loan forgiveness! Excellent benefits, including full health benefits & mileage reimbursement. For in person providers there is flexible scheduling with the opportunity to complete some work at home. Questions contact Tracy at (719) 775-2342, ext. 101. To apply for this position, please visit our website ecbores.org and click on the "Jobs" page, click on the job you are interested in & then click on the green button "Apply Online", located at the bottom of the job listing. EOE WK 3-6

TRUCK DRIVER
TRUCK DRIVER with CDL and Hazmat endorsements. Must have clean driving record. Pay starts at \$17.00 per hour depending on experience. Some benefits are available as well. Apply in person at DJ Petroleum, Inc. 1109 Main Street Limon, CO.

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DEER TRAIL ELKS HOOP SHOOT CONTEST January 21, 2024

Of the 9 schools/recreation districts that were sent Hoop Shoot materials, a total of 7 participated, with sending their winners of a Preliminary Shoot totaling 31 students to compete in our Lodge contest.

Each school held a competition with up to six 1st place winners coming to the Lodge contest. From these schools, a total of 413 students participated Preliminary competitions.

Big Sandy Simla had the honors of having the highest number of participants (4) to place. One 1st Place Winner- Weston Amendt 8-9 Boys and three 2nd Place Winners-Breckyn Amendt 10-

11 Girls, Trenna Kochera 12-13 Girls, and Kayson Frihauf 10-11 Boys.

High Plains Seibert had three participants to place. Two 1st Place- Aubrey Mills 8-9 Girls and Elexx Lahm 10-11 Girls. One 3rd Place- Alex Lahm 12-13 Boys.

Genoa-Hugo had three participants to place. One 1st Place Winner- Trevor White 10-11 Boys, and two 2nd Place Winners-Zach White 8-9 Boys and Mckenna Hollowell 8-9 Girls.

Arriba-Flagler had two participants to place. One 1st Place- Owen Brent 12-13 Boys and one 3rd Place- Reese Anderson 10-11 Girls.

Limon, had a winner in each level of placement: 1st Place- Kenzi Rockwell 12-13 Girls, 2nd Place - Owen Pedersen 12-13 Boys, and 3rd Place- Max Randolph 8-9 Boys.

Next, Byers had three participants to place: 3rd Place- Emily Gurley 8-9 Girls, Deegan Bowling 10-11 Boys, and Taylor Bequette 12-13 Girls.

While Deer Trail had five participants to advance to the Lodge level of competition, only two competed and unfortunately didn't place- Sydnee Behrens 10-11 Girls and Taylon Lewis 12-13 Boys.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

were awarded medals with 1st place winners advancing to the District competition on February 10, 2024, in Aurora, CO. They will compete with winners from 7 other lodges. Winners from there can advance through winning at State, Regional, and National levels of competition.

Weston Amendt from Simla was the boys' highest scorer and Top Overall making 21 of 25 free throws. Kenzi Rockwell was the girls' top scorer making 15 of 25. Each received a medallion and certificate for their accomplishment.

All participants also received an Achievement Certificate acknowl-

edging their advancement as a winner to the lodge contest.

Thanks go out to the schools/recreation districts that participated in our Lodge competition. Special thanks to Deer Trail for donating their new facilities as they have over the years and, of course, to the Elks lodge members and volunteers who worked so hard in making our contest the success that it was.

After the competition, lunch was provided.

We strive to get more schools/recreation districts involved in this, and the many other, worthwhile and free youth programs the Elks provide/sponsor.

OUTDOORS By: Tom Claycomb

MY LAST DUCK HUNT OF THE YEAR AND A FEW LOSE ENDS

I love my life but sometimes it is hectic. It has been non-stop shows, fishing trips and hunting trips since the end of November and no slow down in sight until the end of February. I'm betting most of you reading this article can relate in your own world. You have to hustle hard to make a living in today's world.

I think that's why we enjoy getting outdoors. We can get out in God's creation and enjoy His handiwork. Momentarily we don't worry about bills, the economy, the open borders, high gas prices etc. etc. etc.

For a moment, we can forget everything else and just enjoy the present moment before we jump back into the world. Katy always worries when I go backpacking or elk hunting by myself for a week at a time but it's relaxing.

I understand her fears. Things can go South when you're in the back country by yourself and has (Which is why she worries). But I'm not going to set in the basement wearing an Army helmet, holding the cat!

Which somehow leads into today's article. I had three seminars to conduct at the Dallas Safari Club Convention & Expo on January 12-13. Charles Allen, who owns DiamondBlade Knives and Knives of Alaska called and told me that if I and Ron and Betsy

Spomer wanted to fly in a few days early that we could stay with him on his ranch in East Texas and duck hunt before hitting the show.

As is the norm the last few years, our flights were a little late but we made it to his cabin (lodge) in time for dinner. We had a relaxing dinner and everyone caught up with each other (Well, it was relaxing for everyone except Charles's wife Jody who cooked like a mad woman all week for us).

I believe it was on the first night that Charles cooked us his famous duck dinner. I had begged him to cook this dish so Ron & Betsy could test it out. If I blindfolded you, you'd have a hard time discerning if it was a Choice filet mignon or his duck. Hmm, I just thought of something. I wonder if this recipe would work on my doves and pigeons? I'll email him here in a minute and ask him.

The next morning we got up early, slammed down a cup of coffee, jumped in his Quad and headed to the duck blind. Trent Packer, who does the filming and publicity for Charles was also with us. He was going to film the hunt and the DSC show.

I like duck hunting but I'm not a good duck hunter. Charles is! His quad is nice to have in the marshy swamps. It is awkward walking in the flooded Trinity River bottoms. In 18-inches of water your feet may bury down 12-inches in the mud. We were able to drive around the blind and throw out our

decoys without hardly getting out of the Quad.

Every time I hunt with Charles, I learn something. You real duck hunters will understand his language. According to the wind is how he does his lay-out. He likes to have strong winds for a couple of reasons:

They don't like flying around fighting the wind and want to find a place to light.

The ducks will circle around and fly into the wind to land so he sets up his decoys accordingly.

We had a great morning hunt. There was plenty of shooting going on. We soon limited out and headed back to the ranch house for a big breakfast.

Thursday morning before the show, we got up early for one last hunt. While setting out decoys, my ASP flashlight fell out of my pocket. I didn't notice that it was AWOL until we climbed into the blind and I reached for it and couldn't find it. On no! I'd lost my best flashlight. More on this probably next week.

The duck hunting was a little slower than the day before but still good. One cool deal, Ron was shooting Charles's old JC Higgins double barrel which had been his dad's shotgun. Ron got a double with it which made the day.

Well, it soon came time to knock off and go slam down a big country breakfast and head to the show.

This trip was the most peaceful show I've ever had. We'd work the show all day and then head back to

the ranch for the night. Even with the evening filming it was low key.

At the beginning I said how I like to get out in the woods by myself. I've got to tweak that statement

a little. If you're out with a good group of friends it might just be twice as much fun. Even if they make fun of your terrible shooting!

All photos by Tom Claycomb.



The Remington ammo seemed to reach out there better than anything else that we were shooting.



It is always fun watching a good dog work. A duck fell at the edge of the treeline in front. It got in the woods 10 feet and swam at least a good 200 yards to the left. Unbelievably in a bit Bo brought it back to us.

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CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

More information regarding each candidate can be found online at several different websites including Ballotpedia and the Colorado Secretary of State. Education is key to making an informed decision regarding your vote. Get out and Vote in November.

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Democratic Party

Karen Breslin
Trisha Calvarese
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